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## School Bulletin

The sub-freshman year is to become a part of our regular work to accommodate those who rank between the regular eighth grade and the regular freshman year, as quite a number coming from the rural districts do each year. After this year the sub-freshman work will fall to Miss Parker, the exceptionally efficient drill-master whose experience and nature combine to peculiarly fit her for that work. Meantime the supervisory work of Mrs. Lyon has been extended to include the first seven grades of the model school, and will be extended to include the eighth grade also, next year.

It is almost a daily occurrence that some student wants to carry the maximum number of subjects and then, in order to make certain standing, asks to "do" a subject or two outside. This is the perfectly natural thing for the ambitious and worthy student to do when he finds that such privilege has been allowed others from time to time, therefore no fault of the student. This spirit is due to the fact that, in the process of the development of the courses here, many emergent situations have resulted with students in their classifications, due to the additions from year to year to the courses. These emergent situations will still develop as long as our courses of study expand and as long as conflicts are unavoidable in making out schedules of recitation; but it is time to begin to leave off the "out of class" class work except when done under an approved tutor and the examination is passed under the regular teacher here. Accordingly the board will be asked at its next meeting to draw the line as to the number of subjects a student may carry still more closely than ever. Here lies the source of most of the trouble in getting credits in other schools—carrying too many subjects and carrying some of them out of class. *Twelve* subjects in class is too many, but it may be well to fix that as the maximum for a year or two, then come to *eleven*, then to *ten*. The rule should cover privileges for doing work under tutors, under whom and how many subjects in any one year. As a rule work done out of class is purely makeshift work and is done solely for credits and not for the value of the work; to assume that it is at a creditable method of doing things is to discredit, at once, the recitation and the

class-room advantages, the regular teacher included; more: it discredits the entire theory of values derived from personal contact with teacher, class, and class and school spirit.

## SCHOOL VIEWS

The model school outgrew its teaching force and a new upper grade teacher is to be selected at once.

On adjournment for the holidays it seemed that everybody disappeared at once and on the 3rd everybody reappeared at once. How much better than to disperse and reassemble in a straggling fashion.

"Alles ist gut, das gut endet" (all's well that ends well) says a German "Sprichwort;" but a very good way to end well is to begin well, especially with a term of school. Not merely a few, but many, trifle with time and daily task till the shadow of impending examination "lowers" (we mean the word "lowers" with the "cow" sound of the "o") on the horizon. Then come hurry, haste, worry, cramming, and, worst of all, temptation to use "parallels" to tide one over. Have you ever stopped to inquire who the people are in the world who raise this "noise and clamor" about examinations in all grades of schools? If not, peep behind the scenes and learn; almost invariably it comes from these sources:

1. The mentally deficient.
2. The morally deficient (who do not scruple to use fraudulent means to get through, and get caught at it.)
3. Those who for various reasons fail to properly do their work in class and then work on the sympathies of the friends and parents and get them to make a noise.

For several years we have been tracing these noises in this school and in others and we find that practically every instance comes under one of these heads.

Examinations have little charms for the vast majority of the human race we do grant, but they have no serious dread for those who take pains as the days for preparation pass.

Examination—"criers" and law-defiers come under like heads—the heads of carelessness and dolessness in the days when the sunshine was on and the winds moderate.

The "Five Studies" fake *must go*, for fake it is and nothing less, as education

requires. There *be* many who still insist that they can carry 5 as well as 4 or 3; if so, the fault is the carrier's not the studies. Those who have tested this matter through the years are of but one mind—that even 4 subjects (20 recitations per week) is too heavy for any average mind, indeed for *any* mind that keeps within the bounds of normal mental strain. *Ten* should be the maximum per year, 9 the average: *Three or four* in the fall, *three* in winter, *three* in spring; or the "three or four" may be switched to the winter, though we think not, for the student gets out in the air more in the fall than in any other term, hence is capable of greater mental tension; besides, he is usually better relaxed in the fall.

Our solution lies not in extending the present year's work over more than one year, but in making more subjects optional. We truly believe that the present public school course is long enough and entirely too "numerous" in subjects; the normal schools should *all* be raised to a four-year course (40 credit course) with a degree at the end of the four years, and the end of the high school course should be the branching point where the student would elect the four-year normal school course or the four-year college (or university) course. The normal school course should consist of three years' academic work and one year's professional work. Shall we *how* with that in view?

The very tenderest sympathies of the school are due Miss Tudor, the efficient and devoted Seventh Grade teacher in the model school, whose holiday season has been overcast by clouds unusually dark, she having lost her greatly beloved father within the vacation. The PARTHENON extends the deep sympathy that comes from personal experience.

The appointment of Hon. Eliott Northcott, brother to Mrs. Everett and former regent of the normal schools, to the ministerial post of Venezuela was a graceful compliment to a promising young diplomat and statesman, and a compliment to our city and our state as well.

Some holiday wedding bells told of the marriage, on December 27th, of two more Marshall graduates, Hilda Estelle Kanode and Dr. Claude V. Gautier. Heartiest congratulations.

All teachers are back in their places refreshed and enthusiastic, and the student body respond to that same spirit.



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1912

What is your New Year resolution? Perhaps you can make no better one than "to meet all the duties and demands of the year *resolutely*." If there is any asset in human character among youth that is more seriously lacking than any other, it is, perhaps, that of being *resolute* in the face of discouragement, opposition, temptation, and duties difficult. In young men this reveals and develops a lack of the genuinely masculine—the one quality that differentiates the male sex from the female in their best forms. "What are the evidences of this masculine nature?" the young man may inquire; these in particular:

1. Genuine respect and honor for womanly woman, whether she be friend, sweetheart, or wife; a respect and honor that shows itself in a chivalrous attitude toward *all* woman of whatever station, or class, or kind, and pays deference to her to the extent of courtly bearing and manly speech under *all* circumstances.

2. Genuine fondness for the company of women whose character and conversation are such as will elevate and ennoble.

3. A natural desire to do and to be the masculine thing under every condition of life—to wear the shoes, the suit, the collar, cravat, pin, and hat that masculine, virile, men prefer, wear them in the fashion of the men who do things worth while and have become something worth while in the world; to adopt the habits of speech and act that belong to a man whom the public of men has adjudged a "man," and "a gentleman."

4. A genuine fondness for the company of men who are as much your superior as congeniality of nature will

permit; established habits of cultivating gentlemanly men. To be normal, men must cultivate the acquaintance of both good men and good women.

5. That genuine regard for the feelings, and the reputation and character, of men and of women which requires that all references to them in whatever capacity in their absence shall be of such a nature as will neither degrade you or injure those about whom you speak.

6. An innate tendency to believe in men and women, and to trust them.

7. Charity and kindness and the forgiving spirit under *all* circumstances toward *all* men and *all* women. This, and this alone, can make your own nature sweet and clean and pure and happy, and this alone will lead you to properly respect and estimate your own virtues and vices.

8. Careful attention, and study of, the virtues—the values—of men and women, especially of the really successful, and of the utter failures. Study human values and look for "whys," in human conduct and human achievements.

9. Cheeriness under all possible conditions of life; Carlyle was one of the most masculine and virile of men, and 'twas he who said: "Give us, oh, give us the man who sings at his work. Be his occupation what it may, he is equal to any of those who follow the same pursuit as he in silent sullenness. He does more in the same time—he will do it better—he will persevere longer."

10. Genuine like for, and unswerving devotion to, the principle of human freedom and human independence of thought and of action—that is, slavery to *no man or set or class or clique or faction* of men no matter how powerful or how much your superior in station, or rank, or position or influence. To be a masculine man you *must be free* to think and act on your initiative and responsibility, after, please note the word "*after*," you have duly listened to and carefully weighed all opinions and judgments of men and women who are capable. Richard Wagner once said: "Man will never be that which he could and should be until, by a conscious following of that Inner Natural Necessity which is the *true* necessity, he *makes his life a mirror of nature* and frees himself from his thralldom to outer artificial counterfeits. Then will he first become a *living man*, who now is a mere mechanism of this or that (so-called) belief, nationality, or state.

11. Willingness to always get the other person's *point of view* before passing judgment on him or his acts.

"What of the young woman?" does some one inquire? A custom as false as it is fruitful of evil consequences among us, has grown up, weed-like, has indeed

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been cultivated by many, women as well as men, which custom declares that we must expect more of women than of men. This custom has its origin among the tribes of the very ancient human society (it originated after the days of Adam and Eve, quite a while) and has, for the convenience of men, and with the approval of most intelligent women, developed into something of an unwritten law. Pray, where is the authority for the theory that we must expect more of women than of men—in conduct (in habits of thought and act as well as practice)—and *who* originated it? The men, of course, and having placed the seal of masculine approval thereon and called it "good," quite naturally woman gradually, out of necessity, *not out of preference or judgment*, approved. The truth is, if we would conserve the purposes of human society, and realize the greatest values therefrom, we *must* expect just as much of men as of women in these respects. To enforce a rule of human conduct of this kind would doubtless tem-



porarily retard, if not set back, the development of proper standards; but the inherently necessary corrective forces in the individual as a part of society would ultimately and very soon advance these standards beyond present ones. The further truth remains, and it is no disrespect to woman to say it, in that it does not reflect upon her equal value with men, if all our men were masculine, manly men, all our women would be feminine, womanly women. The problem is first of all one for our men, who are the law-breakers as well as the law-makers, but one for the women to help men to solve. How? Ah, that is the *vital* feature of the problem. Thus, if we were to advise: "If meat maketh my brother to offend then I'll eat no more meat while the world stands." In other words, study the interests of your fellow-man and fellow-woman, and respect and honor these interests, *in all you do*.

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### LOCALS

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L. B. Crotty, '08, was a welcome caller during holidays. The Redpath Bureau shows its estimate of Mr. Crotty's service with them in their Chicago office by advancing his salary from \$1300 to \$1800 for the years 1912 and 1913. Score another for a hustling, enthusiastic, energetic Marshall boy.

Chas. E. Myers, always most welcome within Marshall territory, peeped in upon the boys—"incidentally," the girls—on enrollment day.

Never before, as we recall, has the Christmas vacation so completely vacated the college buildings. Part of the time the number ran down to one, much of the time two or three. It was truly a case where *vacation* meant *vacation*.

Prof. E. E. Myers moved to his new home in Ohio, opposite West Huntington, in the holidays, and Mrs. Lyon moved into Prof. Myers's city-home on 16th street.

Misses Colbert and White, teachers at Marshall, had most interesting, entertaining, and promising company during the holidays, the former's a professional gentleman from Georgia, the latter's an artist from Boston.

We are surrounded by new students; but we are happy, for the more the merrier.

Marshall halls had one lone occupant during the holidays, and that was Ham Pollock, the night watchman.

The students are wondering if Cecil Feeney would not return would Alice Bray?

V. H. Halstead, our old fighting friend, was the last man to leave Huntington for vacation and the first to return. What is the attraction, Halstead?

Quite a number of seniors made conditional grades in Senior English, but they are all determined to remove those conditions this term. Here is hoping.

The athletic carnival has become the main subject of conversation already among the students. At that rate it is bound to be a success. The carnival is worth a trip to Huntington by the alumni. Come back to Marshall for three days and have a good time.

All the teachers were at their posts Wednesday morning ready to slay either the old or new students who approached them. That is, it looked that way; but the real fact is, they were working hard to enroll them all and so were not in just the best of humor for trifling.

It looks now as though basket ball must be given up for this year. The board has refused to put in a new floor at this time, and it is impossible to play on the old floor that was ruined by water last summer.

Mr. Hurlin, Mr. and Mrs. Corbly, and Miss Ethel Thomas spent the Christmastide in New England, and every one of them came back with a Yankee "cold." Ah, such a beastly climate in winter time!

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## TOWN TOPICS

The fire in the McCrorey Building (the one adjoining the Broh Clothing store, corner of 3rd and 9th) on the 31st ult. was one of the most dangerous seen in this city in several years. About an hour after the fire started a strong west wind arose thus seriously endangering the entire Frederick Hotel and Holswade blocks.

The fire broke out in the basement, burned out the basement and let the first floor down, then went up the elevator to the upper floor and burned that and the roof out—a severe but smothered fire, one that required hours to get under control. There must have been five thousand people on the streets around for three or four hours. The 10c Store was utterly wrecked as were all the offices on the upper floors, also other business houses on the first floor and in adjoining rooms.

Huntington has, beyond question, the finest barber shops of any small cities of the country. Many northern and eastern cities of five times her population rank decidedly below Huntington in this respect.

But not only in barber shops (we mention these first because what, to a man, compares in luxury, with a nice barber shop, and a clean, gentlemanly, and skilled barber; moreover these shops are beginning to compel their barbers to wear white clothes and shoes and to keep them white) but in several other lines of shops and business enterprise Huntington ranks well with much larger cities. Where, outside such places as the 150,000 population cities, and how often there, even, will one find such furniture stores as at least two of ours, such department stores as at least three of ours, such a hotel as at least one of ours, and such wholesale houses as several we could name? These things are attracting attention too.

Again the church and school building spirit has taken an upward start, also public buildings and business blocks.

But, says some one, some *many*, we may say, "What about your Railway stations?" True enough. Eine wichtige Frage, ganz gewiss. But are we the only sufferers from this kind of "sore eyes?" There are *other* cities in like situations, *others*, *others*. We do confess that, aside from a few unsightly sections, such, for example, as our *river front*, some back yards, especially in the business section, (and if there are any worse than some of these in squalor limits of southern Italian cities we failed to find it) and a few utterly indescribable spots, and splotches, our depots are unmentionable in the same breath with the word Huntington.

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